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October 2, 2006

Ms. Janis Sigman, Director
Certificate of Need Program
Washington State Department of Health
310 Israel Road SE
P.O. Box 47852
Olympia, WA 98504-7852

By Registered Mail

Re: Letter of Intent for New Hospital Beds

Dear Ms. Sigman:

In accordance with WAC 246-310-080, Skagit Valley Hospital (Skagit County Public Hospital District # 1) is submitting this letter of intent for the development of a Certificate of Need to add 43 new acute care hospital beds. In conformance with the WAC, the following information is provided:

1. A Description of the Extent of Services Proposed:

Skagit Valley Hospital plans to add 43 new acute care beds. Skagit Valley Hospital's (SVH) current licensed capacity is 137 beds of which 15 beds are allocated to psychiatric inpatients. The 43 new acute care beds will fulfill SVH's need for acute care beds through 2020.

2. Estimated Capital Cost of the Proposed Project:

The rough estimate of the capital expenditure associated with the implementation of the approved Certificate of Need for the new acute care beds is \$2,833,490.

3. Description of the Service Area:

Skagit Valley Hospital is located in and serves the residents of the East Skagit Planning Area. In addition patients from the remainder of Skagit County and other surrounding counties are provided services at Skagit Valley Hospital.

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Please contact me or Diane Morton, Development Executive, at 360-428-2343 /email dmorton@skagitvalleyhospital.org if you need any additional information in regard to this letter of intent.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gregg Davidson", with a large, stylized loop at the end.

Gregg A. Davidson, FACHE
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